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Asn Leu Ser Val Ser Val Gly
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 122:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 6 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
- (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO
- (iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 122:

Arg Gly Asp Asn Leu Ser
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 123:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 14 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: not relevant
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
- (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO
- (iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 123:

Cys Gly Tyr Gly Arg Lys Lys Arg Arg Gln Arg Arg Arg Gly
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We claim:

1. A purified peptide, wherein the peptide is Sp-NLSNLS.
2. A composition for transfecting a cell, the composition comprising one or more nucleic acid molecules, one or more peptides and one or more transfection agents, wherein each peptide in the composition comprises Sp-NLSNLS.
3. The composition of claim 2, wherein the composition comprises two or more transfection agents.
4. The composition of claim 2, wherein the transfection agent comprises one or more cationic lipids.
5. The composition of claim 4, wherein the transfection agent further comprises one or more neutral lipids.
6. The composition of claim 4, wherein the one or more cationic lipids comprise one or more monovalent cationic lipids.
7. The composition of claim 6, wherein the one or more monovalent cationic lipids are selected from the group consisting of N-[1-(2,3-dioleoyloxy)-propyl]-N,N,N-trimethyl ammonium chloride (DOTMA), 1,2-bis(oleoyloxy)-3-3-(trimethylammonium)propane (DOTAP), 1,2-dimyristyloxypropyl-3-dimethyl-hydroxy ethyl ammonium bromide (DMRIE), and dimethyl dioctadecyl ammonium bromide (DDAB).
8. The composition of claim 4, wherein the one or more cationic lipids comprise one or more polyvalent cationic lipids.
9. The composition of claim 8, wherein the one or more polyvalent cationic lipids are selected from the group consist-

ing of 2,3-dioleoyloxy-N-[2-(sperminecarboxamido)ethyl]-N, N-dimethyl-1-propanaminium trifluoro-acetate (DOSPA), 1,3-dioleoyloxy-2-(6-carboxy spermyl)-propylamide (DOSPER), 5-carboxyspermylglycine dioctadecyl-amide (DOGS), tetramethyltetrapalmitoyl spermine (TMTPS), tetramethyltetraoleyl spermine (TMTOS), tetramethyltetralauryl spermine (TMTLS), tetramethyltetramyristyl spermine (TMTMS), and tetramethyldioleyl spermine (TMDOS).

10. The composition of claim 5, wherein the one or more neutral lipids are selected from the group consisting of dioleoylphosphatidylethanolamine (DOPE), diphytanoylphosphatidylethanolamine (DPhPE), and cholesterol.

11. The composition of claim 2, further comprising DEAE-dextran, chloroquine or combinations thereof.

12. The composition of claim 2, wherein the composition can transfect a primary cell culture, a passaged cell culture or a cell line.

13. The composition of claim 12, wherein the cell line is a human cell line.

14. The composition of claim 12, wherein the cell line is an animal cell line.

15. The composition of claim 12, wherein the cell line is a fibroblast.

16. The composition of claim 2, wherein the one or more nucleic acid molecules is one or more DNA molecules or fragments thereof.

17. The composition of claim 2, wherein the one or more nucleic acid molecules is one or more RNA molecules or fragments thereof.